scientific departments. The larger coverage of employees of S&T staff in the scheme has been done with a view to attracting best talent at all levels (including technical support staff) in the interest of research and developmental work. In respect of non-technical posts, recruitment & promotion rules *i.e.* CSIR Administrative Services (Recruitment & Promotion) Rules, 1982 are more or less on the pattern of Government of India Rules. Slight deviations like relaxation in the residency period due to non-availability of eligible candidates in the feeder cadre have been made with the approval of the Governing Body, CSIR keeping in view the functional requirements and interests of the organization. The rules are updated/ revised from time to time with the approval of the Governing Body.

Buying of WRF from USA

3222. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of SCIE-NCE & TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Department of Science and Technology is buying a new numerical Weather Research and Forecasting (WRF) model from the National Centre for Atmospheric Research (NCAR), Boulder Colorado, USA; and

(b) if so, the cost involved in purchasing WRF model?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) The National Centre for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) of the United States of America is going to provide its high resolution Weather Research and Forecasting (WRF) model as part of its ongoing collaboration with the National Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasting (NCMRWF), without any cost.

(b) Does not arise in view of the (a) above.

Setting up of Bio-Tech parks

3223. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that country lags behind several countries in the field of bio-technology;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps proposed to be taken for the development of bio-technology in the country;